

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Doug SWEET et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1797
	)	
Application No.: 10/538,964	)	Examiner: D. Henkel
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Filed: June 14, 2005	)	Confirmation No.: 5627
	)	
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR	)	
AUTOMATIC STAINING OF	)	
TISSUE SAMPLES	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**


Applicants petition for a two month extension of time to file a reply to the Office  
Action mailed October 1, 2008. A fee of \$490.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached  
reply and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: March 2, 2009

By:   
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